

Comments regarding filing number 05-337

We have a good history in District 62, Des Plaines, working with Universal Services. We have been able to build a new fiber optic network to deliver electronic information that supports our curricula.

There is a disparity, however, between the rate of demand and the rate at which we can meet that demand. Our ability to keep our network functional is being challenged by enormous new demands.

New electronic testing and online curriculum like math and social studies have required us to triple the number of student electronic devices.

We have plans to meet these new challenges and increase the speed and effectiveness of our network, but the amount of money and the drawn out nature of the Erate approval process makes it difficult to keep up with the pace of modern education.

Some combination of increased funding and quicker approval time would be greatly appreciated.